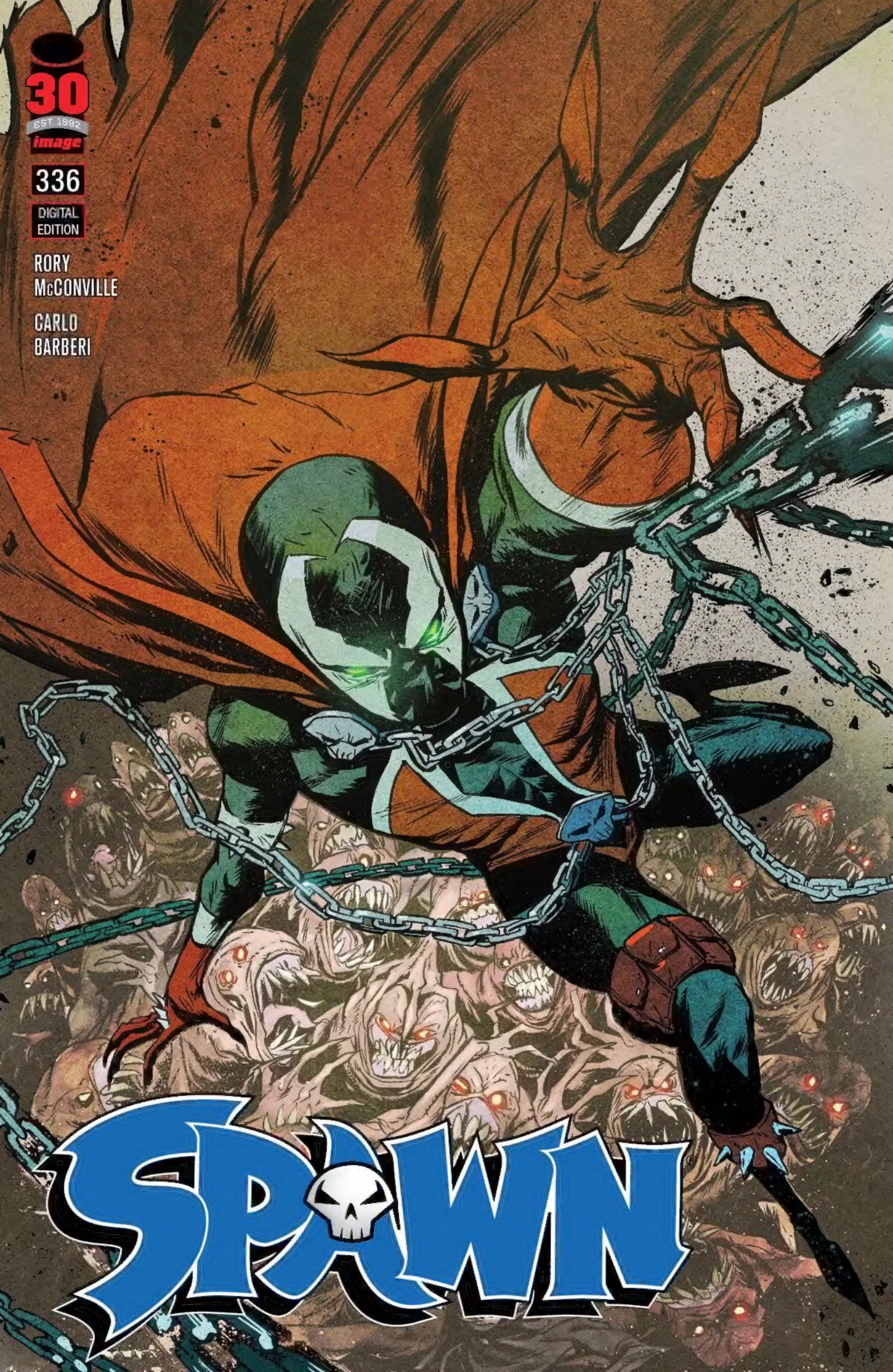
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Sinn's surprise attack of Omega Island was met by Clown's forces and the sudden appearance of Sinn's brother-- The Forsaken!

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THE WORLD WAS STILL YOUNG THE LAST TIME SINN LAID EYES ON HIS BROTHER.
THOUGH A MILLENNIA HAS PASSED SINCE THEN, HE STILL CLEARLY RECALLS THAT FATEFUL DAY WHEN HE, AS **CAIN**, CRUSHED IN THE SKULL OF ABEL, FOREVER CHANGING THE WORLD.
IT WAS THE DAY SINN COMMITTED THE **'FIRST'** MURDER.

BEFORE THAT, THE BROTHERS HAD BEEN BOYS WHO LOVED EACH OTHER DEARLY.
NEITHER COULD HAVE EVER CONCEIVED THE WORLD THEY NOW FIND THEMSELVES IN.
NOR THE PAIN THAT AWAITED THEM.
NOR COULD THEY IMAGINE THE HATE THAT WOULD ONE DAY FILL BOTH THEIR HEARTS.
BECAUSE WHEN THESE BOYS GREW INTO MEN...
THEY BECAME THE FIRST HUMAN HELLSPAWN AND REDEEMER!

FOOM
YOU'VE NO IDEA HOW LONG I'VE WAITED FOR THIS, CAIN. HOW LONG I SPENT WONDERING WHEN I'D *EVER* GET MY REVENGE.
FOR ME...
I DIDN'T THINK ABOUT YOU ONCE.
BUT I'LL DO A *BETTER JOB* KILLING YOU THIS TIME.
DESPITE HIS BRAVADO, SINN KNOWS HE'S POTENTIALLY MADE A FATAL MISCALCULATION IN COMING HERE.

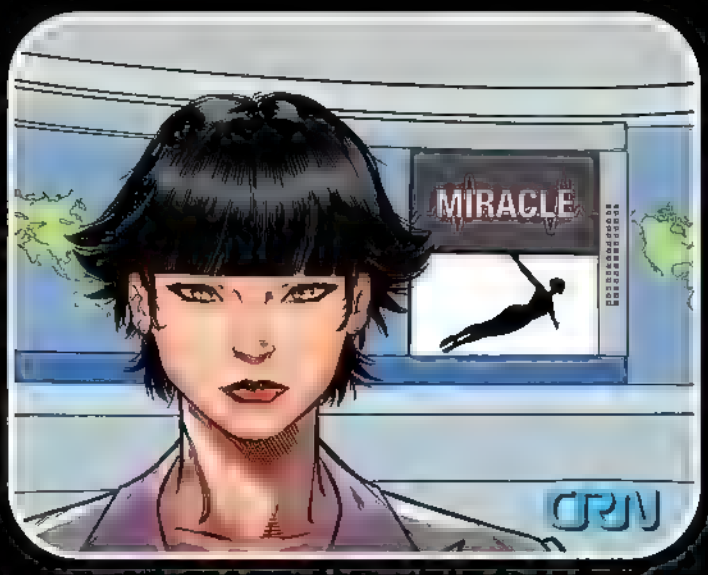
AND SO DOES CLOWN.
I WAS HOPING HE'D PUT UP MORE OF A CHALLENGE.
SIR?
ARROGANCE. IT'S ALWAYS BEEN SINN'S DOWNFALL. THE SECOND HE GETS A TASTE OF POWER, HE'S LIKE A CHILD ON A SUGAR RUSH. IT GOES STRAIGHT TO HIS HEAD. HE'S THINKING HE'S UNSTOPPABLE.
BUT LOOK AT HIM... HE'S LEAKING NECROPLASM LIKE A SIEVE.
HE MAY BE ABLE TO SIPHON POWER FROM HELLPAWNS...
...BUT HE CAN LOSE IT JUST AS FAST.
SO, WE KEEP HIM BUSY. KEEP HIM BURNING THROUGH HIS ENERGY RESERVES.
THEN WE GUT HIM LIKE A PIG.

"WHAT YOU DOING, MARC? WHO YOU CALL?"
JIM SAYS, NO MESSAGES. IN OR OUT.
DON'T WORRY, OVERT-KILL. I WAS JUST CALLING FOR A PIZZA. THAT'S ALL AND...
"HEY! WHAT THE F*CK YOU DOING?!
"GIVE THAT BACK!"
MARC, WE TRYING TO SAVE WORLD.
"THAT'S IMPORTANT."

THE SPAWN MONSTER DOESN'T CARE ABOUT ANYONE OR ANYTHING.
JUST HIMSELF.
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM, UNDERSTAND?
DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU.
SO, YOU NEED TELL ME WHO YOU CALLING OR--
UH?
FWASH

I WOULD HAVE WORDS WITH YOU, OVERT-KILL.
BUT YOU NEED TO STEP AWAY FROM MARC, NOW.

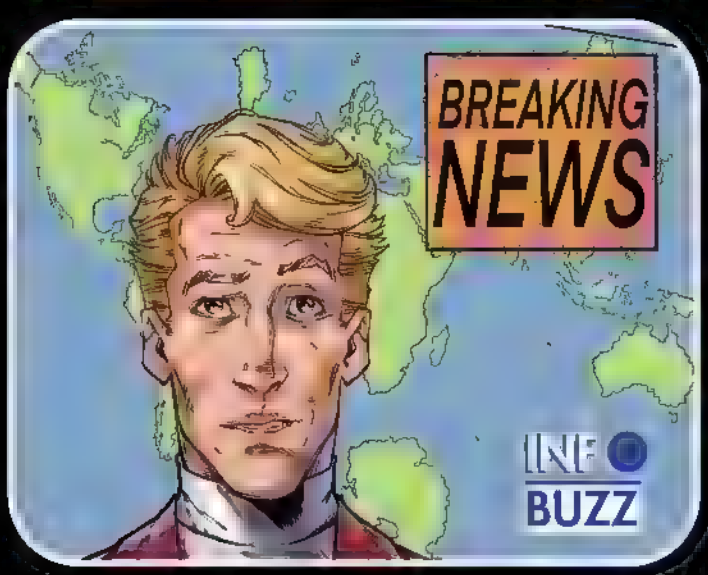
WHAM
ABOUT TIME YOU SHOWED YOURSELF, MEDIEVAL.
YOU WERE WARNED THERE MIGHT BE DELAYS, KILGORE. ARE YOU READY TO PROCEED?
DANIEL'S IN POSITION. WE'VE JUST BEEN WAITING FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT.
IT APPEARS YOU HAVE IT. NOW GO!
I WILL DEAL WITH THESE TWO.



WE'RE GETTING REPORTS ABOUT A SITUATION IN MILAN INVOLVING FLAVIO AGOSTI, A 52-YEAR OLD ACCOUNTANT TRAINEE. HE DIED SUDDENLY IN THE LOCAL BRANCH OF ALIVARA, WHERE HE HAD BEEN WORKING. ACCORDING TO A WITNESS, HE WAS ARGUING WITH A COLLEAGUE WHEN HE SUDDENLY COLLAPSED AND DIED. EMERGENCY MEDICAL RESPONDERS CONCLUDED HE DIED OF A HEART ATTACK. THOUGH TRAGIC, ON THE SURFACE NOTHING WAS OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

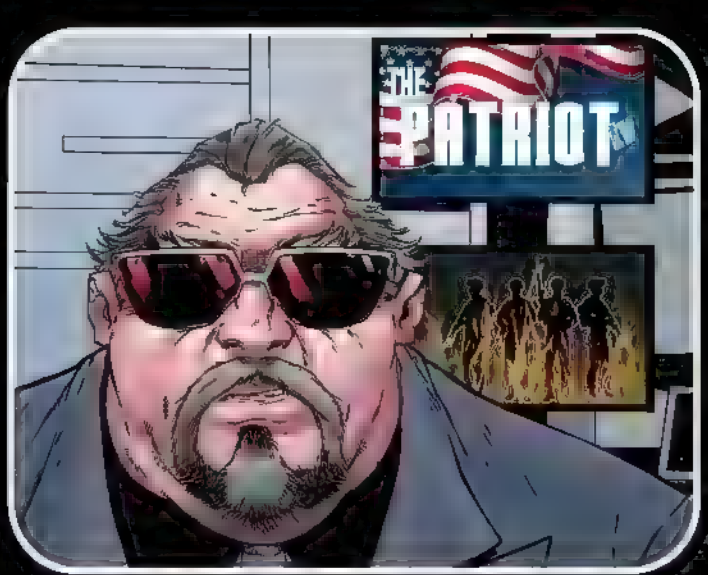
HOWEVER, SIX DAYS LATER, AS MR. AGOSTI'S BODY WAS BEING CREMATED, HIS MOURNERS BEGAN HEARING SCREAMS FROM INSIDE THE CREMATION OVEN. STAFF MEMBERS SWITCHED IT OFF AND OPENED IT. INSIDE, THEY FOUND MR. AGOSTI MIRACULOUSLY ALIVE, AND COMPLETELY UNHARMED.

THIS SOUNDS IMPOSSIBLE, BUT WE'RE NOT SHORT OF STORIES OF THE SEEMINGLY IMPOSSIBLE--EVERY DAY THERE ARE NEW SIGHTINGS OF MASKED VIGILANTES, OR PEOPLE FLYING THROUGH THE AIR...



OF COURSE, IT'S NOT LIKE WE'VE ***NEVER*** ENCOUNTERED UNUSUAL EVENTS LIKE THIS BEFORE. BUT, OVER THE LAST FEW YEARS, THE SCALE AND BREADTH OF THEM SEEMS TO HAVE ***INCREASED.*** IT USED TO BE WE'D HEAR ABOUT THEM ONCE EVERY COUPLE OF YEARS. WE'RE NOW AT A POINT WHERE THEY'RE PRACTICALLY COMMON.

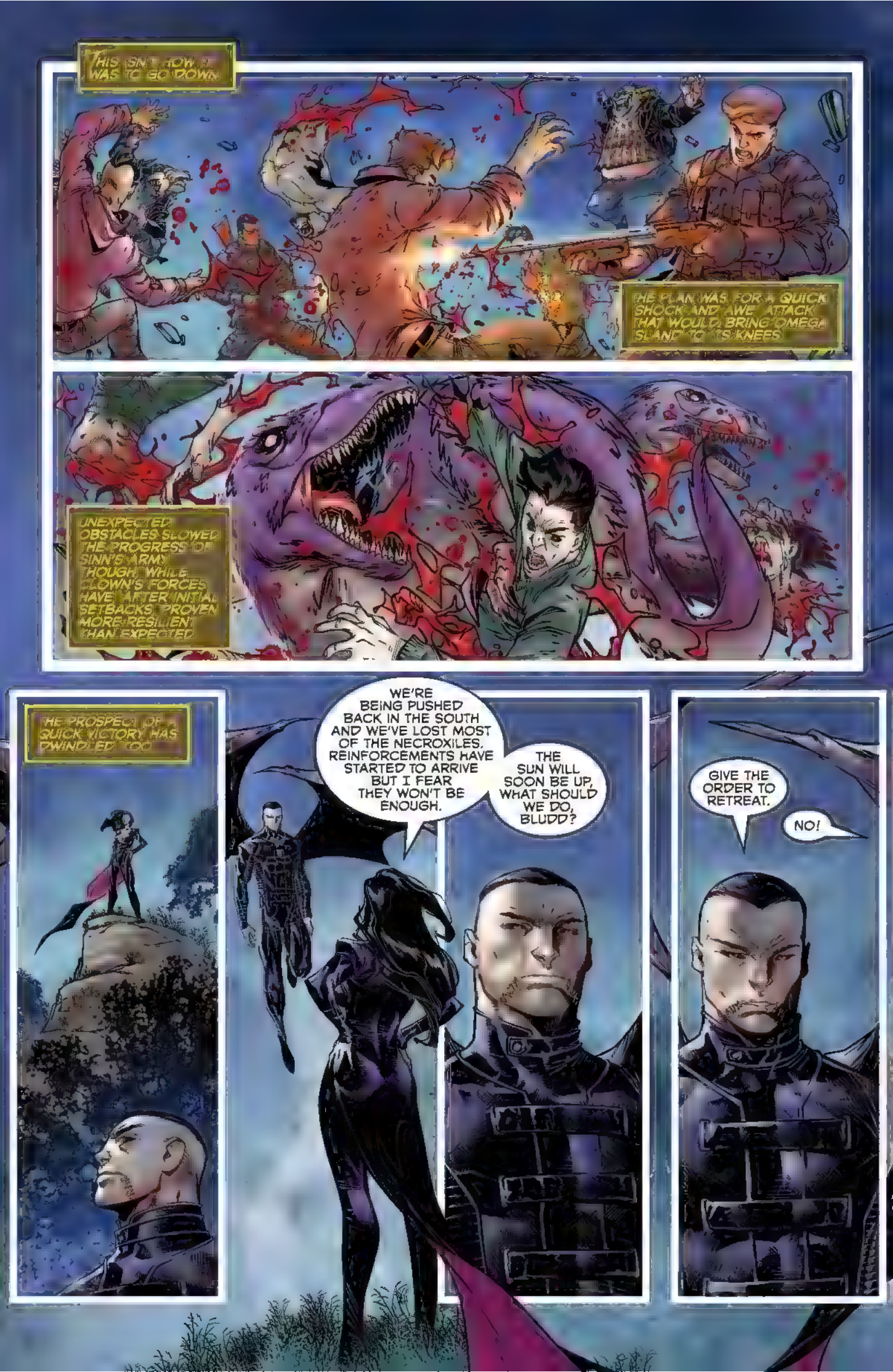
THE QUESTION WE'RE WONDERING IS, ***WHY?*** WHAT'S ***CAUSING*** THIS? AND WHAT, IF ANYTHING, CAN ANY OF US ***DO*** ABOUT IT? BECAUSE RIGHT NOW IT SEEMS LIKE NO ONE CAN PROVIDE DECENT ANSWERS. CASE IN POINT, MY COLLEAGUE, DONATELLO BIRCH, RECENTLY TRIED TO RAISE THIS ISSUE WITH ***FBI*** DIRECTOR HANNAH PARK. SHE'D ONLY SAY THAT THE EVENTS WERE BEING "CLOSELY MONITORED." SO, WE'VE DECIDED, STARTING TONIGHT, TO BEGIN TAKING A MORE PROACTIVE APPROACH. A NEW SEGMENT, ***STRANGE ENCOUNTERS,*** WILL TAKE A CLOSER LOOK AT SOME OF THESE OCCURRENCES. IN A COMING EPISODE, WE'RE GOING TO HAVE A PANEL OF ***OCCULT EXPERTS*** TO DISCUSS THESE ISSUES IN-DEPTH. STAY WITH US!



I THINK IT'S PRETTY ***GODDAMN CLEAR*** WHAT WE NEED TO ***DO*** ABOUT ALL THIS!! WE'RE UNDER ***ATTACK.*** AND WHAT DO YOU DO WHEN YOU'RE UNDER ATTACK?? YOU FIGHT ***BACK!*** THIS HAS ALL BEEN GOING ON RIGHT UNDERNEATH OUR NOSES! THESE ARE ***BIO-ENHANCED SOLDIERS*** SWARMING AROUND IN FRONT OF US, AND ***NO ONE*** IS ***TALKING*** ABOUT IT.

THE DEEP STATE'S BEEN HIDING THIS FROM US FOR ***YEARS...*** BUT ***CRACKS*** ARE FINALLY STARTING TO SHOW. AND ONCE THIS DAM BREAKS, ***YOU NEED TO BE READY!*** WE'RE APPROACHING A PARADIGM SHIFT, PEOPLE, AND I JUST ***PRAY*** THE PENTAGON IS BUILDING SOME OF THESE TROOPS FOR ***US*** BECAUSE OUR ***ENEMIES*** ARE CERTAINLY COOKING UP THEIR ***OWN.***

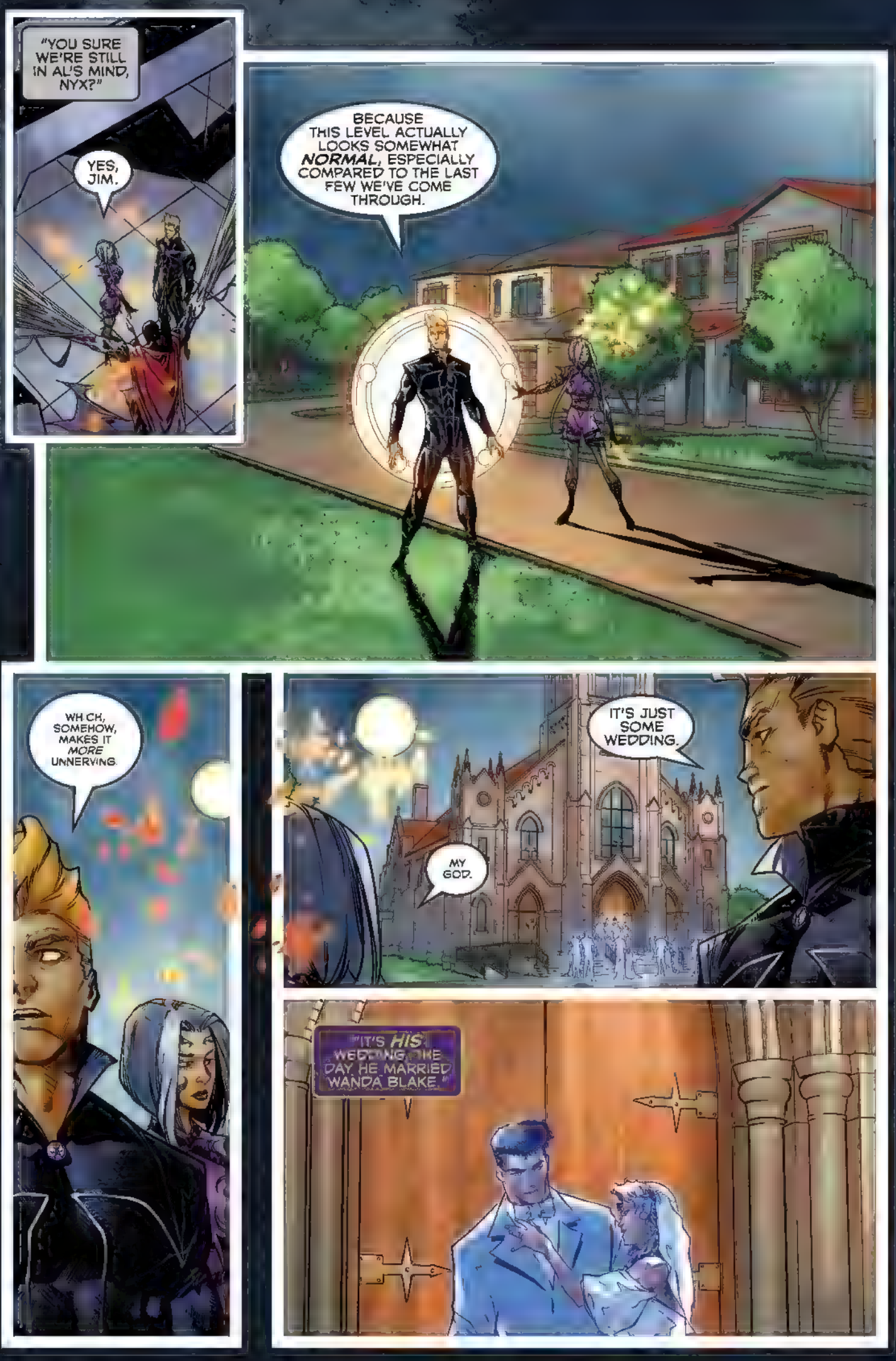
BUT... I'M ***NOT*** HOLDING MY BREATH. WE CAN'T ***DEPEND*** ON THESE JACKASSES. THAT'S WHY WE ***ALL*** NEED TO RALLY BEHIND THE ***TRULY FOCUSED PATRIOTS*** WHOSE RESEARCH I TALK ABOUT IN MY PODCAST. FOR A ***REASONABLE FEE,*** YOU'LL GET...


THIS SHADOW WAS TO GO DOWN
THE PLAN WAS FOR A QUICK SHOCK AND AWE ATTACK THAT WOULD BRING OMEGA SLANE TO ITS KNEES
UNEXPECTED OBSTACLES SLOWED THE PROGRESS OF SINN'S ARMY THOUGH, WHILE CLOWN'S FORCES HAVE, AFTER INITIAL SETBACKS, PROVEN MORE RESILIENT THAN EXPECTED
THE PROSPECT OF QUICK VICTORY HAS DWINDLED, TOO
WE'RE BEING PUSHED BACK IN THE SOUTH AND WE'VE LOST MOST OF THE NECROXILES. REINFORCEMENTS HAVE STARTED TO ARRIVE BUT I FEAR THEY WON'T BE ENOUGH.
THE SUN WILL SOON BE UP, WHAT SHOULD WE DO, BLUDD?
GIVE THE ORDER TO RETREAT.
NO!

CADICLUS?
WE NEED TO STAY AND HELP SINN!
IF YOUR INFORMATION HAD BEEN MORE ACCURATE, WE WOULDN'T BE IN THIS MESS.
SINN OVERPLAYED HIS HAND IN COMING HERE...
IT WAS AN AMBITIOUS GAMBLE BUT IT FAILED.
IF I WERE YOU, I'D WORRY ABOUT YOUR OWN SURVIVAL.
THE ORDER IS GIVEN AND IN MINUTES SINN'S ALREADY DEPLETED FORCES SHRINK EVEN FURTHER.

AFTER YOU MURDERED ME, DO YOU KNOW WHAT HAPPENED, CAIN?
I WAS ONE OF THE FIRST HUMANS LET INTO HEAVEN.
SO, THE PURIFIERS COULD USE ME AS A PLAYTHING, *TESTING* TO SEE JUST HOW MUCH PAIN THEY *COULD INFLICT* BEFORE I BROKE.
"ONCE THEY FOUND THAT *LIMIT*, THEY BRAINWASHED ME INTO BEING THEIR LAPDOG.
"IT WAS ONLY BY BEING PULLED TO THIS ERA THAT I WAS ABLE TO REGAIN CONTROL OF MYSELF."
AND NOW... NOW I CAN FINALLY MAKE ALL OF YOU PAY FOR WHAT YOU DID TO ME.

DON'T WORRY, BROTHER. YOU WON'T HAVE TO SUFFER MUCH LONGER.
YOU DON'T LORD OVER ME ANYMORE!
YOU'RE JUST THE FIRST ONE THAT'S GOING TO FALL!
THE REST OF HEAVEN WILL SOON BE FOLLOWING YOU INTO OBLIVION.


"YOU SURE WE'RE STILL IN AL'S MIND, NYX?"
YES, JIM.
BECAUSE THIS LEVEL ACTUALLY LOOKS SOMEWHAT *NORMAL*, ESPECIALLY COMPARED TO THE LAST FEW WE'VE COME THROUGH.
WHICH, SOMEHOW, MAKES IT *MORE* UNNERVING.
IT'S JUST SOME WEDDING.
MY GOD.
"IT'S *HIS* WEDDING. THE DAY HE MARRIED WANDA BLAKE."

I MET HER ONCE BACK WHEN I FIRST STARTED OUT AS SPAWN. DIDN'T REALIZE WHO SHE WAS AT THE TIME BUT MY SYMBIOTE SHARED AL'S MEMORIES WITH ME AFTERWARDS...
SHE SEEMED LIKE A GOOD PERSON.
STRANGE SEEING AL HAPPY, I DON'T THINK I'VE *EVER* SEEN HIM SMILE.
JUST MAKES IT SADDER TO SEE WHAT HE'S BECOME NOW...
"THIS IS A GOOD SIGN THOUGH."
THESE ARE MEMORIES AL WOULD GUARD WITH HIS LIFE.
WE MUST BE GETTING CLOSE.
JESUS. I SHOULD'VE KNOWN HE'D KEEP THEM HERE, IT'S THE PLACE ALL THINGS LEAD BACK TO...

SO, THIS IS IT?
IT'S GOT TO BE. THERE'S FOURTEEN GRAVES, ONE FOR EACH OF THE DEAD ZONES.
EACH WITH UNIQUE COORDINATES. HE MUST'VE HIDDEN THE POWER TO CONTROL THEM IN A DIFFERENT LOCATION ON EARTH.
LET ME MEMORIZE EACH COORDINATE. THEN WE CAN GO. DID YOU HEAR ME?
JIM?
JIM!
where are you?

OKAY, HOW ABOUT YOU JUST TAKE A DEEP BREATH AND RELAX FOR A SECOND.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU DOING HERE?
I JUST WASN'T CONVINCED YOU AND DOWNING HAD THE WHEREFORE ALL TO GET ME THE CURE I NEED. JIM WASN'T, THAT'S FOR SURE.
JIM! WHAT THE F*CK HAVE YOU DONE TO HIM?
LESS THAN HE DESERVES.
OR DO I HAVE TO...
IS YOUR LITTLE COUP OVER, NYX?

BOOM
DAN E... GET UP NYX CAN'T ESCAPE!
ON IT
I WON'T FORGET THIS...
YOU TRAITOR!

DAMMIT!
NYX, OVER HERE!
WE NEED TO DISAPPEAR! THIS MIGHT BE OUR ONLY SHOT.
"WE'RE NOT GOING TO WIN THIS, NOT TODAY.
"BUT YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO KNOWS WHERE HE'S HIDDEN EACH DEAD ZONE. YOU NEED TO FIND THEM BEFORE HE MOVES THEM AGAIN."
WHAT ABOUT THE REST OF YOU?

WE'LL BE FINE. JUST GO!
"WE'LL TRY BUYING YOU AS MUCH TIME AS WE CAN..!

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SPAWNING GROUND PRESENTS:

MAILBAG

I'm loving the new books. It's awesome having a new Spawn every week! I've been in a wheelchair since 2017, so I can't do physical things that I used to, but you guys give me something to look forward to every week. It's appreciated! Keep up the great work!
Ps. Please add more raven Spawn!!

-BOBBY

Bobby, thanks for the letter. We're glad that the Spawn comics are something that you look forward to each week. We promise to try and keep you entertained with each and every issue. And if you are a fan of Raven Spawn, just keep reading!

-THOMAS

This letter is a bit overdue as I wanted to express my amazement in a previous Spawn issue. After over 300 issues, we finally get the back story of "COG." When it was revealed that Cog was, in fact, Cain of the Bibles Cain and Able, I said out loud to no one, "Holy Sh@t"! I did not see that coming, and now he is a match for Spawn with his new powers and new identity called SINN (how appropriate). I'm happy Spawn has been expanded to other titles, but may I suggest another title? I would like the one-shot stories to make a comeback in a title that would be perfect if it wasn't taken by the letters page "Spawning Ground." You could give the backstories to all the other Spawns that have made cameos, such as pirate spawn, samurai spawn, zombie spawn, etc., could have future spawn, gangster spawn, Indian spawn; the possibilities are endless. It could even get comical with hippie spawn and caveman spawn. I don't know if these exist, but if they don't, I think Spawn trading cards would be cool. All the covers and characters could be used to collect them all. Here's looking to another 300 issues!

-ROBERT V

Robert that is a hell of a wish list. There are certainly some cool ideas in there. We absolutely want to explore some of the lesser-known "Spawns" that exist out in the universe. We have some very cool things planned for the coming year that I think might surprise you. Please keep reading, and you never know who may show up!

-THOMAS

Been a huge fan of all things Spawn since its debut and would love to see my fan art in the pages of any of the books. Keep up the great work!

-BOBBY B

Do you have a question or comment about Spawn? If so, e-mail it to us at:
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